

MINUTES OF THE BEAVERTON SISTER CITIES ADVISORY BOARD

January 23, 2012

PRESENT: Board members: Brian Bost, Jeffrey Ressler, Jordan Wittren, Karen Yeong, Linda Wilson, Megan Kirkpatrick, Michael Kalkofen, Penny Hanson, Rahmiel Mitchell, Stan Tellin, Ted Chung
BSC Program Coordinator: Theresa Baird, Board Liaison: Ian King, City Councilor

ABSENT: Jason Dempsey, Kellie Stellingwerf

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 5:30pm

MINUTES: minutes of the December meeting were approved with no changes with a unanimous vote after a motion by Stan and a second by Ted.

CHINESE NEW YEAR : Karen provided an overview of the celebrations and meaning of the Chinese New Year. She also provided Chinese food in honor of the celebration.

UPDATE ON TASK FORCE: Jeffrey and Jason attended the first strategic Beaverton International Foundation Task Force meeting on January 10th. Meeting objectives – draft a mission statement for the potential new organization. Create a Board of Directors, Plan and ultimately a non-profit Sister Cities Foundation. Define the relationship of the new Foundation and the existing Sister Cities Board.
The next meeting of the Task Force is on January 24th.

UPDATE ON SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATION: Kellie was not in attendance so we did not have a report. Jayne mentioned that the website includes applications for performers, booths, etc.

GOTEMBA EXCHANGE: Theresa mentioned that there is a Gotemba Exchange in mid to late July in celebration of the 25th year celebration for approximately 5 days. This includes 20 delegates. It does however, conflict with the International Celebration. The Board will need to decide who will attend which event. The Board also discussed the criteria for what people would be invited to attend the trip to Gotemba. Participants will need to pay their airfare, but the host city will pay for the lodging and meals. Michael had the idea of approaching a travel agent to see if they would donate a free ticket that we could raffle off the trip for a Beaverton citizen. – possibly a teacher or a student.

A smaller group of Board members agreed to meet separately to help coordinate the criteria and possible list attendants. Michael, Jordan and Penny volunteered to participate in the smaller group.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Annual Boards and Commissions dinner is coming up on Friday, Jan 27th at the Zoo.

Brian reviewed the schedule of meetings for the 2012 Board meetings.

New member orientation will be held at 5:00 prior to the next meeting in February.

Jayne mentioned that the plan is to have an interim part-time position to fill the liaison responsibilities through June to work in conjunction with Task Force time frame. At that time, the scope of the position will be evaluated as far as the future skill set needed based on the recommendations of the Task Force.

ADJOURNMENT: Linda motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jordan seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm

MINUTES TAKEN BY: Megan Kirkpatrick